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SPHACTERIA

During the Peloponnesian War, the Athenians took SPHACTERIA, an island off ~~many Spartans~~ the southwest coast of Greece, by storm, and brought many Spartans to Athens as prisoners.

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Greece

Chronologists

Some cities inscribed lists of their eponymous magistrates; the Athenians were the first to do so c. 425 BC. A list from Sicilian TAUROMENIUM originally spanned some 300 yrs. The regnal yrs of the Hellenistic monarchs or the count from a fixed event (a city foundation or refoundation) also provided acceptable chronological reckoning.

often useful for more than contemporary
or local purposes.

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In Athens

1 wt of gold buys 14 wts of silver

Smallest Athenian coins are of copper.

8 Cu coins make an OBOL - a coin of iron
or bronze

6 obols make a drachma

$(6)(174) = \$1.02 = 1 \text{ drachma}$

2 drachma = a gold STATER

one hundred drachmas make a mina

60 minas make a talent

A drachma (in 1st half of 5th cen B.C.) buys
a bushel of grain, as a dollar does in
20th-cent America (1938 price)

A drachma = 1^{00} . Talent = $\$6000^{00}$

@ 17¢ US.

A slave cost from $\frac{1}{2}$ mina to 10 mina ($50^{00} \rightarrow \$1000$)
A house and estate cost 1200 drachmas

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SIDDHANTAS

In India: they made a calendar of twelve months, each of 30 days each of 30 hours, inserting an intercalary month every 5 years. They calculated with remarkable accuracy the dia. of the moon, the eclipses of the moon and the sun, the position of the poles, and the position and motion of the major stars. They expounded the

theory, though not the law,
of gravity when they wrote
in the SIDDHANTAS: "The earth,
owing to its force of gravity,
draws all things to itself